

In the Claims:

Please replace Claims 1, 5 and 9 with the following claims –

1. (Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

- a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and
at least one supporting member pivotably mounted to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.

5. (Amended) The loading compartment according to claim 1, further comprising a second supporting member having fastening members attachable to the cover for suspension of goods.

9. (Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

- a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
a storage space defined by the recess;
a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position; and
a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

15. (Amended) The loading compartment according to claim 11 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a second supporting member comprising fastening members attached to the cover for suspension of goods.

Following, please find a MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS 1, 5, 9 and 15 showing all changes made relative to the previous versions of those claims –

1. (Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

- a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
- a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and
- at least one supporting member [attached] pivotably mounted to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.

5. (Amended) The loading compartment according to claim 1 [wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises], further comprising a second supporting member [comprising] having fastening members [attached] attachable to the cover for suspension of goods.

9. (Amended) A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

- a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
- a storage space defined by the recess;
- a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position; and
- a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the [load receiving] load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

15. (Amended) The loading compartment according to claim [9] 11 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a second supporting member comprising fastening members attached to the cover for suspension of goods.

Please add the following new claims -

Sub 327 17. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and
at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space, the at least one supporting member having supporting flaps attached to the cover.

18. The loading compartment according to claim 17 wherein the supporting flaps are spring-tensioned and fold in and bear against the cover when the cover is in the closed position and fold out and extend at about right-angles to the cover when the cover is in the open position.

19. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position; and
at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space

20. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;
a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position;
at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space; and
a load-receiving element having load-receiving surfaces detachably disposed in the recess.

21. The loading compartment according to claim 20 wherein the load-receiving element is shaped as a casing having a bottom surface and side surfaces.

22. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a storage space defined by the recess;

a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position;

a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element; and

at least one supporting member attachable to the cover for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

23. The loading compartment according to claim 22 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a first supporting member having supporting flaps pivotally mounted on the cover.

24. The loading compartment according to claim 23 wherein the supporting flaps are spring-tensioned and able to fold in and bear against the cover when the cover is in a closed position, and able to fold out and extend at about right angles to the cover when the cover is in an open position.

25. The loading compartment according to claim 22 wherein the at least one supporting member further comprises a second supporting member having fastening members attachable to the cover for suspension of goods.

26. The loading compartment according to claim 25, further comprising an elastic cord in the loading compartment, wherein the elastic cord is fastened to the fastening members thereby securing goods placed on the load-receiving element.

27. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a storage space defined by the recess;

a cover pivotally connected to the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to the storage space in an open position; and

a load-receiving element matched to the shape of the recess, the load-receiving element detachably disposed in the recess and providing load-receiving surfaces for securing goods placed on the load-receiving element,

wherein the cover is pivotally connected to a front edge of the recess in relation to the vehicle and at least one load-receiving belt is attached between the cover and the floor for securing goods in the recess.

28. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position, the cover further comprising an elastic member having two ends, wherein both ends are attached to the cover; and

at least one supporting member attached to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.

29. A loading compartment in a floor of a vehicle comprising:

a recess in the floor of the vehicle;

a cover mounted in the floor for covering the recess in a closed position and for allowing access to a storage space defined by the recess in an open position, the cover further comprising a net attached to the cover and in which goods can be placed; and

at least one supporting member attached to the cover for securing goods placed in the storage space.

30. The loading compartment according to claim 29, further comprising an elastic band for spring-loading the net.